



## Baseball PEI

# 2026 Director of Provincial Teams Report

*Submitted by: Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams*

### 2026 Season Overview

Reflecting on the 2026 baseball season provides an opportunity to recognize the considerable work undertaken by our provincial teams, both during the competitive season and throughout the preceding months of preparation.

Planning for the 2026 season began in October 2025, with coaching staff selections completed as early as administratively possible. This early appointment process allowed coaches to establish their programs, coordinate player development opportunities, and implement off-season training in preparation for the national championships.

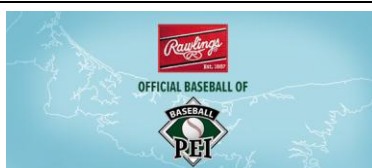
Provincial team programming was initiated across the U13, U15, U17 and U22 divisions, as well as the U16 and U19 female divisions. Although the U22 and U19 teams were ultimately unable to participate at the national level, planning and development efforts were undertaken across all divisions.

Off-season programming varies by team, reflecting the different developmental needs and competitive objectives of each age group. However, a consistent focus on player development, skill progression and team preparation remained central to each program.

### 2026 National Championship Results

Baseball PEI's provincial teams represented the province at national championships throughout the 2026 season. These events provided valuable competitive opportunities for our athletes and coaching staff, while also offering important insights into the continued development of our provincial programs.

| Team | Record | Placement |
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| 13U       | 1-4 | 10th  |
| 15U       | 2-2 | T-6th |
| 16U Girls | 0-4 | T-9th |
| 17U       | 3-3 | 8th   |
| 18U       | 4-2 | 4th   |

Beyond the final standings, participation at the national level provides an opportunity to assess team preparedness, identify areas for growth and strengthen the overall provincial team program.

### **National Championship Oversight and Support**

As part of Baseball PEI's administrative review process, each Chef de Mission submitted a report following their respective national championship.

In preparation for these events, I met with Mike Morrison (U13), Tammy Gallant (U17) and Paige Trainor (U18), and connected by telephone with Raeanne Frizzel (U16).

These discussions focused on clarifying the responsibilities of the Chef de Mission, reviewing championship expectations and exploring potential scenarios that could arise during national competition. This proactive approach helped establish consistency in the role and provided an opportunity to address questions in advance.

Based on the feedback received, no significant concerns were brought to my attention by the Chefs de Mission during the championships.

Communication with provincial coaching staff was also maintained throughout the off-season and competitive season, including regular check-ins leading up to and during national events.

I was fortunate to attend portions of the U17 National Championship in Summerside and the full U15 National Championship. Being present at these events provided valuable firsthand insight into team operations, athlete experiences and the support required at the national level.

### **Looking Ahead to the 2027 Season**





Coaching staff for the 2027 provincial teams have been selected, allowing preparations for the upcoming season to begin.

There is a strong commitment among our provincial coaching staff to building competitive programs, supporting athlete development and representing Prince Edward Island with pride at the national level.

As we continue to strengthen our provincial team program, it is important that we build on the lessons learned each season and look for opportunities to improve preparation, consistency and the overall experience for athletes and coaches.

## **Recommendations for Continued Program Development**

Based on observations and experiences throughout the 2026 season, I would like to offer the following recommendations for consideration.

### **1. Strengthen Pre-Championship Competition Opportunities**

Provincial teams would benefit from additional opportunities to compete against strong opponents before attending national championships.

I recommend that Baseball PEI explore a coordinated Maritime competition schedule in partnership with Baseball New Brunswick and Baseball Nova Scotia. Establishing designated competition weekends across the three provinces would provide teams with more meaningful game experience while strengthening regional collaboration.

For example, a coordinated U15 schedule could include:

- June 25–26: New Brunswick
- July 9–10: Nova Scotia
- August 1–2: Prince Edward Island

These dates are illustrative; the priority would be to establish and communicate competition weekends well in advance of the season.

Early coordination would allow provincial coaching staff to incorporate these events into their development plans while giving local tournament organizers greater visibility when selecting dates for club competitions.





Ultimately, a more structured Maritime competition schedule would help improve team readiness and provide athletes with valuable competitive experience before national championships.

## 2. Establish Early Expectations for the 2029 Canada Games Cycle

Preparation for the 2029 Canada Games should include early discussions regarding athlete commitments, provincial team participation and expectations surrounding club-level baseball.

Clearly established expectations, developed collaboratively and communicated well in advance, would help athletes, families, clubs and provincial coaching staff plan appropriately.

A proactive approach would also help reduce scheduling conflicts, uncertainty and competing expectations as the 2029 season approaches.

## 3. Consider Two-Year Coaching Appointments

I recommend that Baseball PEI consider appointing provincial team coaching staff for two-year terms rather than single-season appointments.

A two-year commitment would provide greater continuity in coaching philosophy, athlete development and program planning. It would also allow coaches to implement longer-term development strategies, build stronger relationships with athletes and better evaluate progress over multiple seasons.

This approach could strengthen consistency across our provincial programs while supporting a more sustainable coaching and player development model.

## 4. Establish Consistent Expectations for Athlete Conduct at National Championships

There is an opportunity to further support coaching staff by establishing clear, appropriate age expectations for athletes during time spent away from the field at national championships.

These expectations could address team responsibilities, supervision, conduct, curfews and other aspects of the championship experience.

Working collaboratively with coaching staff to establish consistent guidelines would help ensure that athletes, families and team personnel have a shared understanding of expectations before departure.



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This would support a positive, safe and respectful environment while allowing appropriate flexibility based on the age and needs of each team.

## Closing Remarks

It has been a pleasure to serve Baseball PEI as Director of Provincial Teams throughout the 2026 season.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our President, Executive Director, provincial coaching staffs, Chefs de Mission, athletes, families and volunteers. The time and commitment invested in these programs, often beginning many months before the first game, are essential to the continued development of baseball in Prince Edward Island.

With preparations already underway for 2027, I look forward to building on the progress made and continuing to identify opportunities to strengthen our provincial team programs.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed contributing to Baseball PEI in this capacity. Having recently retired from my primary career, I am fortunate to now have greater time and flexibility to dedicate to this role. I would welcome the opportunity to continue supporting our provincial teams and the development of baseball across the province.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another season of provincial baseball.

**All the best in baseball,**

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